



Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education
A U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad Face book Chat, held on
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Facebook Chat Transcript

US Vice Consul Welcome to Facebook Fridays. I will be here for the next hour to answer your student visa questions. Ask away!

Student: If my reporting date in the university is august 28, can I get into USA on July 29 July has 31 days

US Vice Consul: You can enter the US up to 30 days prior to your start date listed on your I20

Student: If the length of course in i20 is mentioned 18 months, even then will I get visa for 5 years if I am accepted

US Vice Consul: Yes, the visa will be for five years. However, the officer at the port of entry will determine how long you can stay in the US. You must have a valid I20 to remain in status as a student.

Student: Hello sir, I am f1 visa aspirant. I have filled my ds90 form with my passport number in lower case i.e. k12233 but my actual number is K12233 I have filled my ds 90 application form I have entered my passport number in small alphabets, will that be a problem for my visa

US Vice Consul: that will definitely NOT be a problem.

Student: Hello officer, I have a question, do we get reject if we are applying for a low fee university I have opted the university because of the high quality computer science master's program and the university is actively engaged in research activities. Awaiting your response. Thanks in advance!

US Vice Consul: The choice of university is not a consideration in approving or denying a visa, as long as the university is authorized to issue the I20 forms. Officers look at the totality of a student's circumstances, including intent to study and ability to pay for the program.

Student: Thanks a lot officer for your reply I was worrying because one of my friend got rejected and the reason was the fee of the university is less. My dream is to study masters at this university hope I will get my visa!

Student: Hello sir, if a student is rejected for visa and he thinks his visa was rejected due of his nervousness and if he wishes to re-apply, so he needs to add some changes compulsory?

US Vice Consul: There is no legal bar to applying again immediately. However, we encourage you to think about the interview before you decide to interview again. The officer will ask what changed since the last interview. An answer that says "I was nervous" could be acceptable, but only if you are then able to explain why you chose your particular university as well as demonstrate your intent to study and ability to pay for your education.

Student: Hello OFFICER, Do you reject some cases because of gaps?

US Vice Consul: We unfortunately cannot answer specific questions about specific cases in a public forum, due to our privacy laws and regulations. However, the officer will have given you a letter explaining the law and Section 214(B). In addition, the line of questioning of the officer should give you a clue as to the issues. For any specific queries, please contact the call center.

Student: I am working in Saudi however my financial saving is in my dad account in India then I need to show Indian financial documents or need to show Saudi documents please suggest me

US Vice Consul: You need to demonstrate that you have a plan on how you will pay for your education, including that you currently have the funds for the first year. How you do that is up to you.

Student: Hello Mam/Sir. Hope you are doing well. I've a quick question for you. I got some admits from Universities and planning for my F1 visa. Well, I've enough of funds to sponsor my education. I've opened a new bank account only for my Masters Education. I want to use it separately only for my education. So here, would it be a problem if I carry a new bank account with funds in that for Visa Interview?

US Vice Consul: You need to demonstrate that you have a plan on how you will pay for your education, including that you currently have the funds for the first year. How you do that is up to you.

US Vice Consul: Waiting for some more questions.

Student: Hello, I have my student visa appointment scheduled at Hyderabad consulate tomorrow, yesterday when I had my OFC appointment they've made me to make a change in my DS 160. The DS 160 was changed by a person who was running a Xerox shop inside the VFS building Hyderabad; unfortunately I did not notice the DS 160 while he was filling as I was out to get money. I was rejected twice already last time and I suspect my rejection was not mentioned in the new DS 160 filled by that person which in turn was finalized by the OFC guys. Now can I attend the VI tomorrow with the DS-160 and explain my case to officer or do I have to cancel my appointment and reschedule it later. Please reply ASAP. Thanks

Student: Hey Saran kumar can you tell what was your mistake? So that we don't repeat it. Thank you

Student: I am glad to be connected with us consulate Hyderabad on face book

Student: Hi all I am migrating from B. Pharmacy to computer science and attending visa interview on June 11th so what best way I can support if VO asks "reason for changing stream"?

US Vice Consul: Just tell the truth! What is the reason for the change?

Student: No the thing is job wise I thought of pharmacy doesn't had a bright future so I thought of moving . But if I say that they will think that I am going to settle in US, so I am little bit worried of.

US Vice Consul seven more minutes to ask your questions.

US Vice Consul: Thank you all. The time has come to an end. Keep posting questions and we will answer them as we can. See you next Friday!